

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 4123 - SB 4167**

March 6, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Decreases from 20 to 15 the maximum number of consecutive teaching days a substitute without a teacher's certificate or permit may teach. After this 15-day limit is reached, local education agencies (LEAs) shall hire a certified substitute teacher.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase Local Expenditures\* - Exceeds \$100,000**

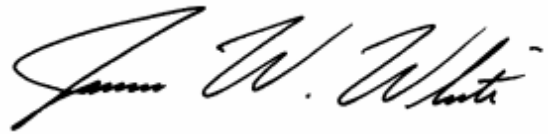
##### Assumptions:

- No change in BEP funding for substitute teachers.
- According to the Department of Education, the average substitute teacher pay is \$75 per day. There is not a state-mandated pay for certified or uncertified substitute teachers. It is left to the LEA's discretion.
- The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent upon multiple unknown factors such as each LEA's pay rate for certified and uncertified substitute teachers, the number of days regular teachers will require a substitute in a given year, and the existing policies of each LEA regarding the number of days that an uncertified substitute teacher can be in the classroom. As such, estimating a precise cost for this bill is difficult, however, it is estimated that this change will increase local expenditures exceeding \$100,000.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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